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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: NOVEL CATIONIC ASSOCIATIVE POLYURETHANES AND THEIR USE AS THICKENERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before paragraph 1, insert the following:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications:**

*A1*  
This patent document is related to French Serial No. 0009609, filed July 21, 2000, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3-13 and add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

*A2*  
3. (Amended) A polyurethane according to Claim 1, wherein R and R' both independently represent a hydrophobic group, X and X' each represent an L>> group, n and p have values between 1 and 1000 and L, L', L>>, P, P', Y and m have the meaning indicated in Claim 1.